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Let the games begin



Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Ark., in preparation for the 2000 Airlift Rodeo. Right, team members, Technical Sgt. Dale Wenn (right) 374th Transportation Squadron, and Senior Airman Victor Peterson, 18th Transportation Squadron, Kadena Air Base Okinawa, complete the obstacle course at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The team arrived at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Sunday to begin the week-long competition.

By Senior Master Sgt. Gordon VanVleet 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

After almost 30 hours of flight time in a C-130, Yokota's Airlift Rodeo team arrived Saturday at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., for the start of Air Mobility Command's Airlift Rodeo 2000.

Airlift Rodeo is AMC's international competition highlighting airdrops, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, security forces procedures, short-field landings, engine running on- and off-load (of cargo), aircraft preand post-flight maintenance and other related ground operations.

The wing's team departed Yokota April 27 for Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., where individual teams got in some practice before departing for Pope.

Yokota's team is comprised of members from the 36th Airlift Squadron, 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, security forces, transportation, maintenance and two members from the 18th Transportation Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

"We brought together the best in their field to make Team Yokota a strong contender," said Maj. Geoffrey Gibbs, team commander. "The week spent at Little Rock helped us come together as a single team with a common goal, instead of six individual teams. We are ready for the Rodeo."

Many team members consider competing in the Airlift Rodeo a once-in-a-lifetime event. "Having the opportunity to be a member of this team is a career highlight for me," said Tech. Sgt. Martin Rhodes, maintenance team propulsion technician. "The teamwork and dedication of everyone in this team far surpasses anything I have been involved with to date."

With Airlift Rodeo's kickoff, Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., commander in chief U.S. Transportation Command and commander Air Mobility Command said, "The Airlift Rodeo will truly decide who is the best of the best."

Three JNs detained aboard Yokota C-9

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan – Three Japanese Nationals were detained Monday morning by U.S. Air Force security officials after illegally entering the base and the Fussa Police. climbing aboard an aircraft, which was being readied for an aeromedical mission.

The incident began at about 7:30 a.m. when a man, a woman and a child drove onto the base from the East gate, drove onto the aircraft ramp and boarded a C-9 aircraft, which was parked on the east side of base. The man, his wife and child sat down in the back of the aircraft and indicated they wanted to go to the United States, according to security officials.

There were no passengers or patients on

the aircraft at the time. The individuals were quickly apprehended and were questioned by the Office of Special Investigations and

"The 374th Security Forces Squadron had a good, strong response," said Capt. Erik Goepner, security forces operations officer. "Within five minutes, patrols confronted the man at the C-9. He was quickly brought under control before he could harm anyone or himself."

There were no weapons found and no one was injured in the incident.

As a precautionary safety measure, the original mission was completed with a backup C-9.

News Shorts

Air Force awards

The following Yokota individuals were recently selected as the best in the Air Force for the 1999 Logistics Plans Awards:

Staff Sgt. Gregg Wolfe, 374th Airlift Wing Plans Office, airman of the year.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Gordon. 374th Airlift Wing Plans Office, senior noncommissioned officer of the year.

Road Closure

Basement access to towers 3001 and 3003 will be temporarily closed

The access road for tower 3001 is closed from 8:30 to 10 a.m., and for

Tower 3003 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The closures are due to the construction of the new West Area Park.

People in the vacinity should follow the flagman's signals and exercise caution due to crane operations.

Armed Forces Day

The 374th Support Group will conduct an Armed Forces Day retreat at 4 p.m. May 19 in front of Bldg. 315. This retreat will feature members of VFW post 9555 who will be laying a wreath in honor of the occa-

All military and civilian members are invited to attend. For more information, call Capt. Laurie Arellano at 225-4808.

Tama River gets facelift

By Senior Airman Matt Miller

Fuji Flyer Editor

In an effort to clean up the environment and improve community relations, more than 260 Yokota residents showed up along side the Tama River April 30 with trash bags in hand, ready to collect improperly disposed of waste.

This environmentally friendly effort was part of the Eighth Annual Tama River Cleanup, which just happened to bring the base's Earth Week to a successful end.

"It was good day and Yokota community turnout was tremendous. Believe me, the community notices," said Staff Sgt. Alan Williams, event logistics coordinator. "This was a total Team Yokota effort."

Base members young and old braved the breezy afternoon as they began the cleanup around 1 p.m. Not more than two hours later, the volunteers had amassed heaps of refuse which included tires, scrap metal, bikes, wood, electronic components and ordinary trash.

"Every year I am amazed at the things people collect from the banks of the river," said Maj. Steve Clutter, 374th Public Affairs. "People had bags so full they could barely carry them."

After the trash was collected, it was formed into two large mounds, ready for the Fussa city sanitation service to properly dispose of.

Once a collector finished the mile and a half route, they were treated to snacks donated by various organizations on base and the surrounding community. The base's Earthweek Committee members passed out T-shirts and other environmentally friendly goodies to help people remember that keeping the environment is a year round project.

"We are very appreciative of everyone who came out



photo by Makoto Kimura

Base members gather trash from the banks of the Tama River April 30 as part of the Eighth Annual Tama River Cleanup.

to make this event a successful one," said Sayoko Ichikawa, event coordinator. "We sincerely hope people will remember to pick up those wrappers and cans they see on their way to work, or around base. It's a small step to help create a clean, safe place for our children to live and play."

The base is encouraged not to stop with this effort though. A year round awareness of the environment and remembering to pick up trash is encouraged.

For more information about base environmental issues or other cleanup opportunities, call the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Flight at 225-5271.

Summer employment, cure for boredom

Yokota people gain experience, cash through work program

By Senior Airman Matt Miller Fuji Flyer Editor

"I'm bored; there's nothing to do; this place is boring."

Parents hear these phrases and more on a daily basis during the school year. They are echoed even louder towards the end of the scholastic year or when school is not in session.

What's a parent supposed to do?

It's time to pull out the old cliché – "Why don't you get a job?"

This question holds a lot of water here at Yokota thanks in part to the base's summer employment program.

Team Yokota's 2000 Summer Employment Program offers meaningful employment opportunities to military and civilian dependents between the ages of 14 and 23 from June 19 to Aug. 11. Part- and full-time employment opportunities are offered from various agencies throughout the base giving base members something to do during the summer while earning \$4.50 an hour.

"The Summer Employment Program

not only offers students the chance to work during their time away from school, but a chance to gain experience in areas that may help them achieve future jobs," said Monica Gage, 2000 Summer Hire Program coordinator. "And who knows, they may gain an added respect for the military or start down the road toward a future career."

Employment for this year's program includes:

—General office work such as answering phones, typing, word processing and filing.

—Labor duties such as painting, cutting grass, operating large printing equipment, inventory, packing and crating.

—Special interest duties such as working in the library or with the base newspaper writing short articles.

"There are a number of jobs people can do, but applicants must remain open minded," said Gage. "Who knows, maybe you'll try something you've never thought of doing and end up liking it."

Applicants can apply by going to the high school or to the Civilian Personnel Flight in Bldg. 316. They must be received no later then May 19.

For more information, call Monica Gage or Aki Inoue at 225-3921.

It's Deja Vu all over again...



Five C-130 aircraft from the 36th Airlift Squadron and 517th Airlift squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, taxi out to the runway during a training mission. These five planes were part of a fiveship formation May 3. The formation, which looks like an aerial game of follow-the-leader, provides training currency for aircrews.

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April 28 — Paige Noelle Miller, 7-pound 14-ounce daughter of Allison and Matt.

April 23 — Louis Samuel Goscha, 8-pound 6.5-ounce son of Samuel and Dina.

April 19 — Alexander Elijah Reyes-Cawilan, 7-pound 6.75-ounce son of Hector and Maria.

April 19 — Luke Momotaro Knight, 7-pound 12.5ounce son of Christopher and Junko.

April 18 — Keegan Eric Morfey, 8-pound son of Chad and Kristin.

Mar. 29 — Elijah Brendan Medina, 6-pound 10-ounce

son of Edward and Leonida.

Mar. 22 — Ryan Palmer Jeffery, 7-pound 7.75-ounce son of Christopher and Susan.

Mar. 22 — Kiana Marie Sieben, 8-pound 15.75-ounce daughter of Priscilla and Jeremy.

Mar. 16 — Koji James Morrison, 7-pound 14-ounce son of James and Junko.

Mar. 15 — Arianna Noelle Sidwell, 7-pound 3.75-ounce

daughter of Tara and Abdon. Mar. 10 — Mikaela Symone Smith, 7-pound 11-ounce

daughter of Jacquetta and Eric. Mar. 10 — Zachary Craig Snow, 9-pound 6.5-ounce

son of Craig and Tylynn. Mar. 8 — Kiara Iyanla Salvati, 6-pound 0.25-ounce

daughter of Ebony and Augustine. **Feb. 29** — Jonathan Kazu Spear, 6-pound 8-ounce son

of Jeffrey and Kyoko.

Feb. 29 — Haily Lauren Miller, 7-pound 0.5-ounce daughter of Janelle and David.

Feb. 23 — Camille Darlene Lara, 6-pound 15-ounce daughter of Winnie and Ray.

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Yokota unplugged

YOKOTAAIR BASE, Japan — The base will experience two major electrical power outages from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 20 and 21. This outage is necessary to allow a required upgrade to the existing West Electrical Substation.

This 30-year-old substation is in danger of failure due to age and rapid increasing electrical load from new facilities. By planning ahead and enduring these two scheduled outages, Yokota will avoid a catastrophic and unannounced total electrical power system failure.

Most facilities (including AAFES, the banks, and the north, south and west housing areas) west of Walker Boulevard will be without power during the outage. The exceptions are the Commissary, the Samurai Café, towers 1561, 1562 and 1563, and the base the-

AAFES and the gas station will be opened in the evenings to help alleviate the inconvenience. Furthermore, emergency services (fire, hospital, and security police, water, sewer and telephone) will be operating during the outage.

The interruption of this service will affect items in the home such as electric clocks, fax/answering machines, VCRs, PCs, aquariums etc... When the power is restored, and all these appliances come back on at the same time, the circut could possibly overload. Unplugging these types of items will help alleviate this problem. When power is restored, remember to turn on the appliances one at a time.

Tower residents should note, the power outage will mean the elevators will not be operational. People should plan accordingly. Civil engineer personnel will manually shut down all elevators in affected towers approximately 30-minutes prior and put them back in service right after the outage each day. Temporary lights will be installed in staircases by a contract.

Base officials ask for your understanding and cooperation. For more information, call Paul Kuehn or Dennis Chen at 225-8442 or 225-7386.

Capturing time

Left, Chuck Yahres (left), Yokota East Elementary School principal, and Michael Diekmann, Japan District School Superintendent, hoist time capsules before burying them in the school grounds during Earth Week celebration here. YEES students collected items such as books, pokeman cards, class photos, beanie baby toys, a cell phone and foot and hand prints for the time capsules which will be open in May 2025. Below, YEES students listens to the national anthem during Earth Week celebration. The schools hope is that in 25 years the children of YEES will learn a little about today's students from the things they left behind.



Comm opens learning center

By Staff Sgt. Andrea Simpson 374th Communications Squadron

The 374th Communications Squadron will soon have a Learning Resource Center, which will provide a learning environment for information management workgroup administrators and system administrators to train, in addition to a quiet place to study job-task knowledge requirements. For the first time, the comm squadron will have an environment that has training as its primary focus.

Due to limited trainers, the LRC will make it easier to provide mission essential training on new software in a group environment versus going to each administrator separately. At the same time workgroup administrators who cannot efficiently train using computer based training in their office can use the LRC to complete the necessary certification.

Information management workgroup administrators are the first lines of defense for solving end-user computer problems. They need quality training to ensure that end-users are able to use computer systems to meet mission requirements.

The LRC will provide a place for people who are in upgrade training to study. Eventually each computer will have a pre-test for Career Development Courses for Air Force Specialty Codes assigned to the comm squadron that will help prepare airmen for their endof-course exam.

The LRC will be operational during normal duty hours on a sign-in basis, unless there is scheduled training taking place. After duty hours, those airmen who work shifts can access the LRC by signing out a key with maintenance control.

The LRC is located in Bldg. 653 room 302. It is equipped with seven computer terminals with access to the Internet for distance education and computer based training. For more information about the LRC please contact Tech. Sgt. Louis Moussette at 225-2133.

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Chief's viewpoint

How dare this exercise mess up my life

By Chief Master Sgt. Michael Finnie 374th Airlift Wing Inspector General

Ten things I hate about exercises:

- —Being called from bed in the middle of the night.
- -The inconvenience of closed roads when rushed. —Not being able to check my mail after my lunch
- —Being late for a lunch date with my wife.
- —Trying to pretend I'm doing something.
- -Having my busy schedule interrupted repeatedly.
- -Having to evacuate my building when it's raining. —Having to search for another route to my office.
- -Not knowing what's going on around me.
- —Rude firemen and policemen who won't listen to my reasons for needing to get to where I'm going.

As we rapidly approach June 5 and our Pacific Air Forces Unit Compliance Inspection, Yokota will see a noticeable increase in the number of exercises being conducted. These exercises involve planning, execution, evaluation and reporting of a Major Accident Response Exercise.

Both the response from wing personnel and our Exercise Evaluation Team representatives will receive a grade for the MARE as part of the UCI. Additionally, our security forces personnel will be evaluated on their responses to a number of force and resource protection exercises.

In an emergency, whether real or

exercise, our emergency response forces will undoubtedly get in your way and interrupt your schedule.

All too often, Yokota residents are faced with a decision; "Do I try to go through this cordon to check my mail, get to class, eat lunch, etc..., or do I wait it out like I know I would if this event was real?"

Herein lies this wing's problem, misjudging the scene. Your response could determine whether you are injured or worse, killed.

As I stated earlier, we know there will be a few more MAREs to contend with. So, when we see flashing lights, police cars, fire department vehicles and ambulances, we may assume it's an exercise. What we fail to understand is that for all of the events that happen on Yokota, the vast majority of them are real-if you enter the cordon, it can threaten your life.

In talking to people who walk or drive through a cordon, I am left with the impression that their decision was usually based on an attitude of impatience or calculated defiance. We are a generation of impatience.

We live in the microwave age where our food is instant and our news is always available live. We demand everything immediately, whether it's customer service or answers.

Not too long ago, we bragged about having a Z-248 computer on our desk. This has evolved into impatience with our 500Mhz desktop computer's speed and performance.

Our American culture has become one of demanding impatience. We have become intolerant of many daily inconveniences. Exercises only make this culture more prevalent. They make us adjust when we don't want to and force us to accept things we don't want.

All too often, a darker side of our inner personalities is revealed; often targeted toward people who are trying to protect us from a potentially dangerous or unsafe situation.

In reality, this "impatient" culture can result in us being hurt, or one of our children being sickened by the release of chlorine gas, injured by a bomb blast or killed by an explosion.

Since we don't have a visible threat of these real dangers in our everyday life on Yokota, we can be lulled into a false sense of security. Our community is enjoyable

and safe, but there are real dangers, even if only natural disasters.

What we often fail to consider though, in an exercise or real-life emergency, is that our decision to enter a cordoned area does endanger the lives of those who are trying to protect us.

It's not only the threat of being struck by a vehicle while running from one place to another, but it is the constant distraction from the event by impatient people who want answers now or are trying to go through an area that is obviously blocked. These distractions take away from the responder's ability to focus on the problem and resolve the situation.

We must decide if we will allow our new culture to control our lives and our decision-making processes, or will we allow logical thinking and safety prevail.

Yes, intentionally entering a cordon will reduce our overall inspection grade, but more importantly, it threatens lives. It's our responsibility to help those who are protecting us. We can make them more successful by simply changing our response.

Remember, we can't safely and effectively accomplish our chosen professions unless we exercise.

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander.

Use the Action Line if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command. When you call, leave your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed. Your identity won't be released to the public. Subjects affecting the base population will be published in the Fuji Flyer.



Col. Mark Zamzow 374th Airlift Wing commander

225-TEAM or action.lines@yokota.af.mil

Debit card service

Q. Concerning the bank... I went over there and inquired about a debit card. They said they didn't have that option and that if I had a question, I could go to the representative. I left an email message for the representative, but he was TDY at the time.

One of the bank representatives had stated that the contract for the bank is getting ready to be renewed and I'd like to know if this service could be provided to the members here at Yokota Air Base?

I think it would save us a lot of bad checks since the money would come straight out of your checking account. That could save the first sergeants a lot of trouble. If there were anything that can be done it would be appreciated.

A. Before I answer your specific question, let me explain to you the relationship between Community Bank, Bank of America and the Department of De-

First, Community Bank at Yokota is not a legal entity, but rather it is the generic name for the military banking facilities located overseas.

These "Community Banks," or MBFs, are operated by Bank of America under contract with the Department of Defense. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is responsible for the banking program.

The products and services offered by Bank of America at the "Community Banks" are specified by DFAS and incorporated in the statement of work in the

Bank of America does not have the ability to unilaterally offer products that fall outside the scope of the statement of work. Under the current contract, a debit card service is not incorporated in the statement of work.

DFAS is currently in the process of re-competing the overseas banking contract.

Since this was the appropriate time to submit requests for the new contract, we contacted the Air Force's banking officer and asked if a debit card service could be provided to Community Banks overseas.

According to the banking officer, the plan is to implement a debit card service in the next contract the current one expires at the end of September. All services would like to have it because it should be part of "normal" banking services.

It is pretty clear that we will have to wait until the current contract expires in September before a debit card service can be included in the statement of work for the 2001 contract.

However, there is a very good chance this service will be included in next year's contract.

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Yokota's DUI Program

Units having DUI arrests (April 28 - May 8) - 374th Contracting Squadron

"DUI Free" streak: 10 days (as of Apr. 28)

Yokota's punishments for drinking and driving: .05-.07 BAC = 14 days walking and 6 points

.08-.09 BAC = 90 days walking and 6 points

.10 and above = 365 days walking and 6 points DUI running totals: May — 0; year to date — 25

Movie schedule

Today – *U-571*, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; *Scream 3*, R, 9 p.m.

Saturday – *U-571*, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; *Scream 3*, R, 9 p.m.

Sunday – *U-571*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Scream 3*, R, 9 p.m.

Monday – Scream 3, R, 7 p.m. Tuesday – Boiler Room, R, 7 p.m. Wednesday – Boiler Room, R, 7 p.m. Thursday – Where the Heart Is, R, 7

YTV (Channel 18)

Welcome to Yokota – Mondays at 8 a.m. Culture Connection – Mondays through Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Air Force News – Mondays through Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Eye on Services – Mondays through Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

Youth citizenship awards

The Yokota Youth Development Program will recognize Yokota's outstanding youth June 30 at their annual awards banquet. Nomination packages can be picked up from individual units or by calling Rose Macon at 225-3438. The packages are due no later than June 12.

Donations are also being sought to support the Youth Citizenship Awards Program. Donations will be accepted until May 29. For more information, call 225-3438.

Law Day winners

The following individuals were recently announced as winners of the Law Day 2000 Art/Poster Contest:

Kindergarten/preschool: Maritza Perez, first place; Alex Shilt, second place; Imani Tezeno, third place.

First grade: Alex Gayhart, first place; Angelo Lapid, second place; Josie Walker, third place.

Second grade: Stephanie Medzius, first place; Emi Knuth, second place; Breona McCary, third place.

Third grade: Devon Finnestad, first place; Alyx Aldrich, second place; Dillion Kennedy, third place.

Fourth to sixth grades: Julia Misa, first place; Misty Long, second place.

Palace Envoy

The Air Force is currently seeking officer and senior noncommissioned officer volunteers to fill Military Liaison Teams for Palace Envoy. Positions available are: officer (captain/major), Slovinia, Romania, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia; senior NCO, Czech Republic, Poland, Moldovia, Estonia and Slovakia. For more information, call the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 225-9913.

Tanabata dancers

The Tanabata Dancers of Yokota are looking for volunteers to learn the Japanese Folk dances and perform them at various festivals on and off base. Weekly practices are held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Yokota East Elementary School gym. For more information, call Janet Steeley at 227-3035.

Driver needed

A volunteer driver is being sought for an individual for hospital treatment. The individual needs to be transported to and from the hospital every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for at least six to eight weeks. The number of trips will decrease as the individual improves. Need to have a four-door sedan or van. For more information, call Lana Smith at 225-8725.

Spring exam cram

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a free Spring Exam Cram to help students prepare for end-of-year exams. The sessions are June 1, 5, and 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the FSC. To register, call 225-8725 by May 26.

Debate show

The Inagawa Motoko office is looking for Japanese-speaking foreigners to participate in the Kokoga-hen-dayo Nihon Jin debate show.

The show is filmed on alternate Sundays in a studio in Setagay. All ages, genders and nationalities are welcome. For more information, call 225-8725.

Instructor needed

The Family Support Center needs an instructor for the Buying and Selling a Home seminar which assists people leaving Yokota and returning to the U.S. Contact the FSC at 225-8725.

Bilingual volunteers

People with language skills in Thai, Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Japanese or Spanish could help the Family Support Center with special events and emergencies. For more information, call 225-8725

Mother's Day

The 374th Services Division is hosting a pre-Mother's Day dinner at Charlie T's Saturday, 5 to 8 p.m. Also, on Sunday, Charlie T's and the Officers' Club will have Mother's Day brunches. Charlie T's brunch is 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the Officer's Club Brunch is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Kanto Plain Special Olympics Saturday and Sunday at Wilkins Field. Interpreters, huggers, greeters and people with computer knowledge are needed.

For more information, call your unit coordinator or Jill Palmer at 225-3680, Shawn Bakel at 225 5211 or Nicole Flores at 225-2296.

Friendship triathlon

Naval Air Facility Atsugi is holding the Eighth Annual Friendship Triathlon, beginning at 7 a.m. May 21. The race consists of a 600m swim, 18km bike and 5km run. The deadline to enter is May 14. For more information, call Jack Brown at DSN 264-6053.

Chapel happenings

The Yokota Air Base Chapel offers the following religious activities and services:

—Yokota Seventh Day Adventist Christian Fellowship meets at 6 p.m. every Friday night at the West Chapel. For more information, call 227-4662.

—Baha'i informational meeting at 7 p.m. every Wednesday West Chapel. For more information, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

—Catholic religious education: **preschool to kindergarten**, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; **first through fifth grades**, Tuesdays at 6 p.m., **sixth through eighth grades**, Mondays at 6 p.m., **ninth through 12**th **grades**, Sundays at 6:30 p.m., **RCIA**, Mondays at 7 p.m. All classes are held in the West Chapel. For more information, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

—Catholic services: **weekday mass**, Monday through Thursday at noon; **rec-onciliation**, Saturdays at 4 p.m.; **Saturday mass**, Saturdays at 5 p.m.; **Sunday mass**, Sundays at 9 a.m. All services are held in the West Chapel. For more information, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

—Jewish Friday night, the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the West Chapel. For more information, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

—Protestant religious education: preschool to kindergarten, Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the West Chapel; first through eighth grades, Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the West Chapel; junior high, Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Bldg. 316; high school, Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Bldg. 316. For more information, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

—Protestant services: **Seventh Day Adventist**, Fridays at 6 p.m.; **Bridge the Gap**, Saturdays at 7 p.m.; **Lutheran and Episcopal**, Sundays at 8 a.m.; **Unified Protestant Service**; Sundays at 11 a.m.; **Latter Day Saints**, Sundays at 2 p.m. All services are held in the West Chapel. For more information, call the West Chapel at 225-7009.

Ice cream social

The fitness center will hold an ice cream social from noon to 5 p.m. May 29 at the outdoor pool in celebration of the seasonal opening.

T-shirts will be given out to those who brave the chilly waters of the outdoor pool. For more information, call the Natatorium at 225-2280.

Outdoor rec events

The following Outdoor Recreation trips have been scheduled for May:

Saturday — Mountain bike day trip for beginners.

May 20 — Tour De Tama VII.

May 24 — Ocean fishing.

May 27 — River rafting and hotsprings.

May 27 to 29 — Sea kayak and camping.

May 31 — Fresh water fishing.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 225-4552.

Summer Jam 2000

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is sponsoring the Summer Jam 2000 from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. June 3. The *Notorious NUPES* will kick off the event with the sounds of old school, new jack, R&B and rap.

There will also be free give aways. For more information, call 225-5806.

LOST

Ladies golf club — Calloway on Tama Hills 18th hole April 29. If found call Tama Hills or 225-3778.(1)

Glasses — Prescription reading half glasses, almost triangle shaped, thin colored frames, last seen on the shuttle bus from east to west in late March. 225-2040.(2)

HELP WANTED

AAFES — English instructor for conversational english courses for Yokota Exchange Japanese employees. For information, call 225-3704 or submit a resume at Bldg. 4018 in room 105.(1)

USO — Lounge attendant, at Yokota's AMC terminal, immediate opening. 225-2087 or 224-2093.(3)

Summer camp — Staff position applications are now being accepted for youth boys summer camp at Tama Hills, must be 14 years old by June 17, interests include theater, arts, crafts, music, and outdoor activities. Call 263-7494 or e-mail boyscout@zama-emh7.army.mil for information, dates and applications.(2)

Community Bank — For full-time customer service supervisor, two-years experience in banking or financial institution preferred, need strong supervisory background. 225-4952 or 225-4953.(2)

Community Bank — For full-time administrative assistant, two-years experience in banking or financial institution preferred, need strong interpersonal skills, able to type 55 words per minute and be PC literate. 225-4942 or 225-4953.(2)

Community Bank — For full-time teller, some teller or cash handling experience preferred. 225-4942 or 225-4953.(2)

USO — Tour coordinator, part time, a paid position, duties will include planning, coordinating and guiding select tours. Need tour experience, must be bilingual in English and Japanese. 225-2087.(3)

Combined Federal Campaign — General office administration, duties will include maintaining accurate records, coordination of material distribution and travel arrangements. Need college degree or equivalent experience, strong PC skills, ability to communicate with internal and external customers on a professional level. Must have ability to work independently. Minimum starting salary: \$21,000 annually. 225-9997 or send resume to Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas Pacific; Unit 5104; APO AP 96328.(3)

WANTED

Car — 1992 or later model Prelude, Skyline or Celica, auto transmission, sunroof, rear spoiler. 225-2871 or 090-2633-2296.(1)

Puppy — Mutt or pure bred, small to medium. 227-4773.(1)

Interpreter — The Tanabata Dancers are looking for a volunteer interpreter for this dance season, must be SOFA sponsored. 227-8981.(2)

Fence — Wood for garden appartment. 227-5153.(2)

Grill — Gas with side burner. 227-5153.(2)

Ear piercing — For infant, must be qualified. 227-9737.(2)

Upholsterer — At Yokota's Officers' Club to cover bar stools. 225-8513.(3)

Rocker/recliner — Glider or rocking chair. 227-3985.(3)

Day care — After school for a six-year-old child. 227-4240.(3)

Seamstress — Experienced to sew slipcover for couch, or experienced re-upholsterer to recover couch. 227-3551.(3)

PETS

Ferrets — male spayed and female neutered, with cages, carrying cases and accessories \$500 OBO. 227-2627.(1)

Cat — Free, grey, to good home, all shots, neutered and micro-chipped, good with kids, very loving and craves attention. 227-8370.(2)

Dog — Siberian husky, two years old, red and white with blue eyes, AKC registered. 227-4394.(2)

SALE

Yard sale — Saturday, 9 a.m. until noon, children's bike, Barbie house, toys, clothing, and English as a Second Language textbooks and more, 1027 North Side, near Kanto Lodge.

Yard Sale — Saturday, begins 7:30 a.m., lots of household items and clothes, 3286D Westside. 227-5933.

Yard Sale — Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, kids clothes, toys, baby items and A/Cs, 4554D East side housing.

FOR SALE

Electronics — 27-inch Sony Trinitron, \$300;

Fuji Classifieds

To submit an ad, e-mail: fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil or drop off at the 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office (Bldg. 315). Advertisements must be for one-time sales only, 25 words or less and include a name and phone number. No more than two ads per family, per week. Ads are run for two or three weeks (space permitting)

Yamaha DVD, \$275, Sony mini disc recorder, \$250; Sony VCR, \$100. 227-9007.(1)

Infant items — Evenflo car seat, \$25; Graco stroller, \$50; excellent condition, negotiable. 227-9737 (1)

Toddler bed — Red metal frame with mattress and Looney Tunes sheets, \$35. 227-

TV — GE 27 inch color TV with remote, two years old, very good condition, \$125 OBO. 042-530-1603.(1)

Ladies shoes — most pumps, some casual, many colors, excellent condition, size 8 and one-half medium, \$5 pair. 227-2514 after 4 p.m.(1)

Infant items — stroller with detachable bassinet, \$50; car seat with detachable base, \$15; Medula breast pump and accessories \$50 and much more. 227-2514 after 4 p.m.(1)

Pet items — Large wooden cage, for birds snakes, iguanas \$200 OBO; 20 gal. aquarium for snakes or small mammals, \$20; Sm. wire cage for hamsters, \$15; many small containers \$5 - \$10. 227-9695.(1)

A/Cs — Large Whirlpool for \$220, good condition; Sm. GE for \$50, plastic switch missing, runs well. 227-2932.(1)

Bar stools — 3 high back swivel, natural wood, \$100 for all or \$40 each. 227-8269.(1)

Electronics — JBL SB-5 subwoofer \$100 OBO. 225-3625 or 227-3014.(1)

Car stereo — Factory stereo for 1988 Bluebird \$20; Kenwood 10 disc CD changer for car \$30; custom bluebird floormats \$25. 227-4792.(1)

Awning — For 3 bedroom garden \$200; 3 carpets, brown 12 x 15 feet and 12 x 9 feet, both \$40, gray 12 x 9 feet, \$30; 2 A/Cs 12,000 BTU and 5,000 BTU. 227-2636.

Electronics — Brand new, never opened, Kenwood component stereo system 104CD 5 disc CD player; Kenwood HTB-200 surround sound system, 110 watt receiver, 5 speakers and subwoofer, \$300, 227-2931.(1)

Car Seat — infant car seat \$15; Little Tikes tool bench \$20; and Step wagon \$15. 227-9007.(1)

Fish Tank — Saltwater reef 29 gal. tank with german black silicone, black stand and canopy, plus may extras, \$450. 227-4110.

Waterbed — King sized with padded rail, must sell, \$800 OBO. Email gdonley@yta.attmil.ne.jp or call 227-2932.(1)

call 227-2932.(1) **Phone line** — Available may 15, \$375, call 042-552-9461 or 0909-640-9054.(1)

Phone line — \$350, call 042-530-5440.(1)

TV — JVC 32 inch, less than 6 months old \$350. 227-4678.(1)

Clock — Grandfather, full sized, solid wood, glass shelves, mirrors, lights \$1,400 OBO. 227-5933(1)

Fence — great shape 11 x 25 feet, \$350 OBO. 227-5933.(1)

A/C - 5,000 BTU for small room, slim window type, 30 x 15 x 12 inches, \$70. 090-1466-1045.(1)

Computer Game — Sony Play Station with dual rumble analog controller, extra controller, memory card, Metal Gear Solid, Pitfall 3D, Resident Evil 2, Jersey Devil, \$135 firm. 227-4554.(1)

Golf Clubs — Original Taylor Made bubble shaft, Tour Driver 9, Tour Spoon 3+, steel head, prostiff shafts, good condition, \$125 for pair. 227-4608.(1)

Computer accessories — PCMCIA 33.6 Modem, cable, and software, \$25; Diamond Monster Fusion 3D card, 16MB-PCI version, original software and box, \$50. 227-4608.(1)

A/Cs — Five large units, \$40 each or all for \$150. 227-7420.(2)

Phone line — Available now, \$400. 227-8756.(2)
Phone line — Available now, \$400; kerosene heaters, two, \$150 OBO. 227-5174.(2)

Electronics — Infinity 155 speaker, \$50; Goldstar VCR, \$40; Hitachi VHS camcorder, \$200; Step Tansu, \$800 OBO. 227-8627.(2)

Fence — \$250; three carpets: 9'x12', rose, \$35; 9'x12', beige, \$25; 6'x9', blue, \$15; round dinette table, with four matching chairs, \$35; draperies and mini-blinds to fit east side sliding back door. 227-7797.(2)

DVD player - Samsung, built-in AC3 decoder,

\$200; Sony SAVA 27 active speaker system with surround speakers, \$150 or buy both for \$325, both in mint condition. 227-2439.(2)

Lazyboy — Leather, beige, push button foot rest, very clean, extremely comfortable, \$300. 225-7727.(2)

Wedding dress — White satin, hand made, never been worn, \$800 OBO. 227-5213.(2)

Baby items — Stroller, used, \$5; changing table, \$20; blankets, \$5; other assorted clothes, \$5; bassinet, \$10; various VHS movies. 227-8370.(2)

Water bed — Captain style, oak with matching dresser, both in very good condition, \$600 OBO. 227-3013.(2)

Table — Dining room table with extensions and six chairs, like new, rarely used, black with gold trim and jade cushions, \$400. 227-2125.(2)

Speaker system — Yamaha, home cinema speaker package, two main, one center, two rear, one subwoofer, \$220 new with box; Panasonic 50-CD player system, \$150; 19" computer monitor, \$250 new with box. 227-4280, 090-2169-9776 or mdfisherman@hotmail.com.(2)

Grill — Propane with two full tanks, \$40. 227-3248.(2)

Mountain bike — Trek 8,000 aluminum, 18" hardtail, 21 speed, new Campagnolo rims, profile handle bars, brakes and rear tires, climber handle bar, Shimano SPD pedals, Specialized shoes, helmet, seat pack, Bontrager Plus 10 race sadle and Gravity stand, \$400 OBO. 227-3289.(2)

Infant items — Infant/toddler car seat, stroller, high chair, various sizes of girls clothing, prices negotiable. 227-4367.(2)

Phone line — Available immediately, \$400.0425-51-9084 or 225-7441.(2)

Miscellaneous — Awning for three-bedroom East garden, \$150; carpets with pads, contessa-dessert sand, 9'x12' - \$85, 9'x15' - \$130; bunk bed, teak, youth size with storage drawers, \$300; bicycles, Huffy 18 speed, 26", men's - \$20, women's - \$20; Direct TV, Panasonic satellite dish, for off base, \$200; transformer, 100v in/110-120v out, six amp, stereo/computer use, \$40. 227-6466.(2)

Johnny Jumper — Excellent condition, \$10. 227-3985.(2)

AUTOMOBILES

1990 Toyota — Town Ace van, new brakes, JCI until March 2001, \$3,200. 227-6458.(1)

1992 Nissan — Sunny, A/C, automatic power windows, locks, mirrors, cass., JCI until June 2001, \$2,200, 227-8708.(1)

1993 Honda — Domani, JCI until Feb. 2002, cass, power windows, locks and driver's seat, excellent interior, \$3,000 OBO. 225-2871 or 090-2633-2296.(1)

1985 Homy Van — Largest on base, great shape, A/C, heat, JCI until Sept. 2001. 227-9175.(1)

1991 Toyota — Camry. V-6 loaded, road tax until May 2001, JCI until July 2000, excellent condition, \$2,600. 227-2900.(1)

1987 Nissan — Sunny, road tax and JCI until May 2001, \$600. 227-2900.(1)

1988 Toyota — Camry, white 4 door, JCI until Nov. 2001, \$600. 227-8935.(1)

1991 Suzuki — Cultis, blue 3 door, JCI until April 2002, \$700. 227-8935(1) 1989 Nissan — Medalist, auto, 4 door, A/C,

power locks, windows, new tires, brakes, JCI until Dec. 2000 \$980 OBO. 227-7995.(1)

1991 Mazda — Persona, 5 speed, A/C, cass., power windows, locks, mirrors, low miles, runs perfect, excellent condition, \$2,000 OBO. 227-3028.(1)

1989 Nissan — Skyline, 4 door, standard, power steering, JCI until Feb. 2001, \$700 OBO. 225-9812.(1)
1987 Ford — Festiva, 2 door, auto, A/C, excel-

lent condition, JCI until July 2000, \$500 OBO. 227-4301.(1)

1990 Toyota — Corona, black, power everything, ABS, 4WD, 2 power amps, subwoofer, cd changer, EQ, JCI until Aug. 2001, flip phone included, \$2,900 firm. 227-7647.(1)

1988 Toyota — Corona, power locks, windows, A/C, auto, clean, runs great, JCI until May 2001, \$1,000. 227-2931.(1)

 $\textbf{1989 Toyota} \longrightarrow \text{Trueno Super Charger Sport, new tires, A/C, belts to include timing, clutch, C-boots, rims,}$

great on gas, mechanically sound, \$2,200. 227-2779.(1)

1987 Toyota — Camry, white 4 door, auto, cd, JCI until Aug 2000, clean, exceptionally dependable, \$1,200. 227-9785.(1)

1991 Toyota — Carina Ed, black, JCI until June 2000, tinted windows, rims power locks, windows, detachable face cass., runs great, \$2,300 OBO. 227-9423.(1)

1991 Nissan — Skyline, auto, cass., power windows, locks, mirrors, JCI until April 2001, \$3,000 OBO. 227-2627.(1)

1989 Nissan — Vanette, shift on the fly 4WD, gas engine, JCI until July 2001, \$1,800 OBO. 227-4325.(1)

door, power everything, A/C, 49,000 km, cass, child locks, tilt steering, \$1,499 OBO. 227-4302.(1)

1989 Toyota — Exiv, 4 door, A/C, good condi-

1991 Nissan — Sunny Super Saloon, bronze, 4

tion, JCI until Oct. 2000, \$1,500. 042-530-5440.

1986 Nissan — Prarie, standard, yellow, 4 door, van-like, 2 roll back doors, runs smooth, A/C, good

condition, \$500. 227-2501(1)

1986 Mazda — Familia, white 2 door, hatchback, standard, JCI until Feb 2001, good condition,

\$400. 227-2501.(1)

1989 Toyota — Corona Exiv, JCI until Sept.
2001, CD player, new battery, new brakes, power windows and locks, clean interior. 227-3108 or 090-

2650-4249.(2)
1989 Nissan — Skyline, white, 4-door, standard,
JCI until Feb. 2001, works well, new power steering
installed, \$700 OBO.

tonya.wagner@yokota.af.mil.(2)

1988 Toyota — Soarer 2000GT Twin Turbo,
33,000km, dark gray metalic, automatic, digital dashboard, full aero parts, rims, power steering and win-

dows, excellent condition, \$3,800. 227-4277.(2)

1989 Toyota — Vista, white, JCI until July 2000, power locks and windows, automatic, runs great, good

interior, good gas mileage, \$600. 225-3437.(2)

1989 Mitsubishi — Delica, 4WD Turbo van, light blue and white, 5-speed, A/C, power windows, CD, JCI until Apr. 2001, \$3,800 OBO. 227-6656.(2)

1994 Toyota — Corona, white, power everything, air bag, JCI until Sept. 2001, \$4,000. 227-6656.(2)

1988 Toyota — Corona, JCI until Feb. 2001, road tax paid, runs great, A/C, automatic, \$800 OBO. 227-4717.(2)

1994 Nissan — Terrano SE (Pathfinder), excellent condition, 4x4 Turbo diesel, very economical, all power, JCI until July 2001, low mileage, A/C, 5-speed, TV/CD/cass stereo, \$8,000 OBO. 227-7004 or 090-2749-0065.(2)

1997 motorcycle — R1100RT BMW Sport, perfect mechanical condition, many extras, \$11,250 firm. 227-2972.(3)

1990 Toyota — Carina, road taxes paid, A/C, power locks and windows, cass, JCI until June 2001, available ASAP, 227-3533 (3)

1990 Mercedes — Benz 190E, red, 4-door, power everything, A/C and heater, automatic, 50,000 km, JCI until July 2001, excellent condition, \$7,000 OBO. 227-9071.(3)

1984 Toyota — Lite Ace van, gray, 5-speed, good condition, JCI until May 2001, \$1,200. 227-9071.(3)

1992 Toyota — Camry, V-6 loaded, only 31,000 miles, price includes one year's road tax and two year's JCI, excellent condition, \$3,900 OBO. 227-2900.(3)

1992 Nissan — Sunny, A/C, automatic power windows, door locks and mirrors, AM/FM/cass, excellent condition, JCI until June 2001, \$2,200. 227-8708.(3)

1986 Toyota — Corona, ice cold A/C, tires only

one year old, JCI until Nov. 2001, power locks, cass, automatic, reliable, \$800. 227-8221.(3)

1990 Nissan — Silvia, 2-door, green, JCI until

Dec. 2001, four new brakes, paid road tax, \$800 OBO. 090-2413-9306.(3)

1993 Mazda — Van, blue, automatic, clean,

JCI until Jan. 2001, \$3,200 OBO. 0426-45-1454.(3)

1990 Nissan — NX coupe, 2-door, low miles, A/C, automatic, AM/FM, excellent condition, JCI

until June 2001, \$1,950 OBO. 227-7832 after 5 p.m.(3)

1987 Toyota — Supra twin turbo, power seats, mirrors and steering, automatic, V-6, AM/FM/cass, tinted windows, excellent condition, ICL

1997 Van — Lite Ace, runs great, JCI until Nov. 2002, automatic, grey, \$2,500 OBO. 227-8355.(3)

until 2002, \$3,000 or trade for U.S. spec vehicle.

1990 Mazda — Famila, 4-door, all electric, runs great, JCI until Oct. 2001, great for small family,

Playing fields are at a premium in Japan

By Capt. Paul Swenson 374th Services Division

Many of you may have read the article in the sports section of the Pacific Stars & Stripes regarding the Yokota High School baseball team's dilemma for ball fields. I'd like to shed a bit more light on how the fields on Yokota Air Base are managed to ensure everyone gets their fair share of time.

In lieu of the high school fields being under construction, Yokota really only has six, true full-sized athletic fields: Wilkins, Darling, Snyder, Tachikawa, Friendship and Yokota fields. Of these six fields, only Darling and Yokota fields are multi-use; in other words, more than one sport can be played on these fields.

These two parks have the space and dimensions to allow softball, baseball, soccer and football.

On the few fields that we have, we support more than 10 sports schedules, more than 100 teams and a list of players that's more than 1,000. That's a big program, no matter where you are.

Our field maintenance crew is ex-

pected to keep these fields in playing condition, lined and ready to use. It's quite a big job, and the 374th Services Division has one of the best programs in the Air Force.

manages these fields?" comes to mind. Because each field has a specific purpose, management and reservations of the fields falls under one of two facilities: the Main Fitness Center manages Yokota and Wilkins fields, and the Boys & Girls Club of Yokota manages Darling, Tachikawa, Friendship and Snyder fields.

The main purpose for Wilkins and The fields managed by the BGCY support the youth programs on the base.

Both the fitness center and BGCY which is more important now that the high

How do the field reservations work?

arena like the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn., does for its events. The coaches and athletic directors determine their wants and needs based on the regular season and playoff schedules, and those plans are coordinated with the calendars for each and every field. When conflicts arise, the athletic directors and schedulers hammer out the problems and come to a mutually acceptable decision.

So, after the field schedules are finalized for the recurring sports, including games and practices, the special events and squadron functions get the fields reserved as they come up.

For example, this weekend's Special Olympics was scheduled for Wilkins Park based on the availability of the field after the regular season intramural softball season was planned. The field was available for use and our fitness center schedulers took the reservation and requirements for the Special Olympics program's event.

What is being done to fix the limited number of fields? Darling Field is under preparation to host Yokota's high school

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football team this fall while their field

a full-sized soccer field, a full-sized

undergoes a complete rebuild. In fact, the

high school's new sports complex includes

fooball field, track and field complex with

bleachers and a baseball field. They should be completed in the spring of 2002.

This new sports complex should take

some of the pressure off the schedules for

the other fields. Until then, the fitness

entire community.

Center at 225-8890.

center, youth, and high school staffs are

working closely to meet the needs of the

If you have any questions about Yokota's fields, call the Boys & Girls Club

of Yokota at 225-7441, or the Main Fitness

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With all this use, the question of, "Who

Yokota fields is to support the intramural sports programs run by the fitness staff.

fields support the high school sports, school fields are under construction.

Our fitness and youth staff work with the schools to schedule the fields for the recurring sports, much like a major sports

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"I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

Shaquille O'Neal

Los Angeles Lakers center on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece.



Intramural play

Christopher Mitchell, 374th Communications Squadron second baseman, dribbles a pitch to the pitcher in the second inning Monday evening against the 374th Operations Group/ 459th Airlift Squadron in National League intramural softball regular season play. The comm squadron defeated OG/ 459th 16 - 12. Mitchell was thrown out at first on the play.

photo by Senior Airmam Matt Miller

Salvation found in athletes attitude

Kanto Plain Special Olympics highlight sportsmanship, friendship

By Senior Airman Matt Miller Fuji Flyer Editor

There are no multi-million dollar contracts for these athletes, no agents or managers. Fans don't yell obscenities when a player comes in second by inches or botches a play. And more times than not, when one of these athletes walk off the field after an event, they're still friends with their competitors.

These athletes don't even succumb to advertisements peddling the latest sports gear. Instead, they enjoy these games for what they really are – just a game.

Sound like a fantasy dreamed up by movie writers in Hollywood? Hardly, it's real and can be seen Saturday when the Kanto Plain Special Olympics take to Wilkins Field for their annual competition.

Like most people, I had only heard about the Special

Olympics through public service announcements or by posters advertising the events. That was until a couple of years ago when I set out with camera and notebook in hand, I made my way to Wilkins Field ready to enjoy a beautiful morning and the first softball tournament of the

To my surprise, only one unit was able to field a team that morning for the tournament, and by default was named tourney champs – not much of a story.

Anyway, worried about what I was going to fill that week's sports page with, I gathered up my equipment and decided to take a short tour of the base. I didn't have to travel far as when I got around Hangar 15,

I found my salvation in a distant cheer. A large contingency had gathered at Friendship Field. For what I didn't yet know, but when I got there, what I found cause me to stay for more than two hours.

Imagine this scene: children smiled, laughed and enjoyed their competitions. Scores and times were being kept, but the athletes didn't care. There wasn't a time where an athlete was chastised for coming in last. As a matter of fact, the crowd didn't stop cheering until every last person crossed the finish line, cleared the bar or made the basket.

It's the type of sportsmanship that I had forgotten about after playing intramurals and watching the prima donnas in professional sports for such a long time. Just try to imagine Albert Belle or John Rocker smiling when one of his teammates lets a ball go through his legs — it just isn't going to happen.

Sure professional and intramural sports might be a little more serious to us than the Special Olympics, but not to these athletes. And yet they manage to still keep it in perspective. We all could take a few notes from these athletes and be much better off.

The Special Olympics begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wilkins Field with the opening ceremonies. More than 530 athletes from 20 different schools will compete in track and field, basketball, swimming, bowling, table tennis and more. The events begin at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Saturday.

They pick back up at 9 a.m. Sunday. The games end that day at 3 p.m. with the closing ceremonies.

From experience, it's the volunteers and spectators that make these games work, so go out there and enjoy the games, and by all means don't act your age – act these kid's age.